

Library Bond Act Grant Applications - Cycle 1 Individual Application Summary

<i>Project Name [Number]</i>	La Mesa Community Library 1033	<i>Current Square Footage</i>	7,916
<i>Applicant</i>	La Mesa, City of	<i>Project Square Footage</i>	32,500
<i>Operating Library Jurisdiction</i>	San Diego County Library	<i>Service Area Population:</i>	54,749
<i>Project Type</i>	New Library		
<i>Project Priority</i>	1st	<i>Anticipated Construction Start Date:</i>	5/1/2004
<i>Joint Use Type</i>	Joint Venture		
<i>Multipurpose?</i>	NO	<i>Total Project Amount</i>	\$14,462,276
<i>Leased Site:</i>	NO	<i>State Grant Amount</i>	\$9,400,479

Bond Act Factors [California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 19998 (a)]

	Rated	Other
<i>Needs of urban and rural areas:</i>		[see map]
<i>Population growth:</i>		33%
<i>Financial capacity of applicant to open and maintain operation of the library (new libraries only):</i>		Yes
<i>Age and condition of existing library:</i>	Poor Condition (= Very Good)	
<i>Inadequacy of the existing library in meeting needs of residents and the response of proposed project to meeting the needs:</i>	Very Good	
<i>Plan of Service integrates appropriate electronic technology:</i>	Very Good	
<i>Appropriateness of proposed site for the proposed project:</i>	Outstanding	
Overall Rating:		Very Good

Summary of Review Panel Comments

Population Growth 32.7%

Age and Condition The existing library was built in 1957 and was renovated in 1973. Major deficiencies of the current facility: inadequate technology infrastructure; non-compliance with ADA codes; inadequate space for all services and functions; and mechanical systems at the end of their life cycles.

Needs of residents/response of proposed project to needs The needs assessment process included a variety of methods for residents to provide input, including: stakeholders' luncheon, surveys, student focus groups, and planning meetings with school administrators. Community characteristics were analyzed and appropriate library service needs are identified. Needs of students were carefully considered and implemented in the planning documents.

The plan of service is responsive to the needs assessment findings. Goals and objectives are clearly written, as are the service indicators. Partnerships include other community agencies in addition to the school district. Community Services Department will assist the library in designing a program where senior volunteers assist middle and high school students after school. The homework and computer centers are well-thought out and provide ample space.

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The building program: The building program implements the plan of service, providing appropriate spaces for the services indicated in the plan. Space descriptions are especially well done, with adjacency diagrams included for each space to assist in orienting the user. Separate diagrams concerning stack spacing and the telecommunications room are included.

The conceptual plans: The conceptual drawings implement most of the requirements of the building program. Actual square footages are given only for major building divisions instead of individual spaces. Some adjacencies are not achieved (e.g., computer and homework centers are not adjacent to service desks; children's area is not near the main entrance). The amount of non-assignable square footage is not listed on the floor plan.

Joint use agreement: Homework Center & Computer Center The agreement is unclear concerning the specific responsibilities of the school district, but it appears that the city and county bear the responsibility for implementation and operation of the joint venture services. Provision is made in the agreement to make the homework center available during non-library hours if that becomes appropriate based on student needs.

Plan of Service Integrates Appropriate Technology Technology is used in conjunction with other methods of providing library service to achieve well implemented library services. The emphasis is on the functions that technologies will be asked to perform in the library, rather than around the hardware or software that will be purchased for the library.

Appropriateness of Proposed Site The library is a part of the Civic Center Master Plan, the Downtown Specific Plan, and the Central Area Redevelopment Plan. It will be located in the civic center, which is centrally located, along with the city hall, post office, and fire department. It is across the street from the police department and 1/2 block from the school district offices. There are 6 public transit stops within 1/4 mile of the site, and is accessible by auto, foot, and bicycle.

Financial Capacity The applicant has committed to the on-going operation of the completed library.